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- 2. Chicle is a product of the Sapoteros tree of tropical America. This tree is tapped once every four years. The milk-like sap is boiled into a hard mass for shipping. In 1916, 7,347,000 pounds of chicle were imported into the United States.
- 3. A good judge will readily estimate the moisture, shrinkage, quality and color of the crude chicle.
- 4. By a grinding, filtering and steaming process, dirt and bark are removed without injuring chewing qualities of the gum.
- 5. The chicle is run into pans and weighed; each ingredient is also weighed or measured according to flavor or kind of gum desired.
- 6. All are mixed in a steam mixer for 12 hours.
- 7. Rolled in sugar, the gum is placed in a kneading machine, and issures forth in long strips. These are cut into blocks.
- 8. Some of the "Overly Plump" have tried this, but never with such satisfactory results.
- 9 Marking the "5 for a nickel" size.
- 10. She can call it a day when she has broken 200,000 sticks.
- 11. Wrapping. Over 28,124,000 lbs. or 844 million packages of chewing gum are consumed annually in the United States.
- 12. Putting the finish to chicle by first scoring the slabs into little squares.
- 13. Which are then separated in a tumbling barrel.
- 14. Each revolving pan holds 20,000 pieces; it is here that they receive their candy coating.
- 15. They are then placed in ahhopper and automatically fed into boxes. 718,000 lbs. of gum were exported in 1916, mostly to England and Australia.
- 16. Where there's gum, there's action.

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